

Governor Gilchrist's Speech at Launching

The Battleship Florida and the State of Florida the Two Biggest Things in the World.

New York, May 12.—At the dinner tonight by the employees of the New York Navy Yard, in connection with the launching today of the monster Battleship Florida, Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, of Florida, spoke as follows:

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Fellow-citizens:

I am to make a speech on the great State of Florida. The greatest part of this great State now is the great Battleship Florida. The Battleship Florida is the greatest ship ever launched from the governmental navy yard; and we Floridians think the greatest battleship ever launched by any nation in the world. The successful launching, the character of the work, the cost and the time consumed proves conclusively the error in the statement that the government could not do work as successfully as private contractors. You gentlemen connected with the building and with the launching of this great ship fully realize the labors incident thereto. None of you realize that the labors of a Governor incident to the launching of the Battleship Florida are far greater than the labor incident to the launching of the Ship of State of Florida. The affairs of the Ship of State of Florida rest just on good, common sense. The state of affairs due to the launching of the Battleship Florida rest upon numerous little details—hundreds of letters of inquiry involving every proposition this side of the tail of Halley's comet. I have fairly well battled with the most of them. To an old bachelor, one of the hardest questions to answer was: "What should a woman wear?" I felt like replying in the language of a married gentleman who in presenting the present, a kimono, at a card party, said it was the most becoming garment a woman could wear, save one.

It is best for the best and one of the largest battleships of the best and one of the largest nations on earth to bear the name of the best and one of the largest States—Florida. Few people realize that our 56,680 square miles is second to but one in area of all the States east of the Mississippi. On the day of which this is the anniversary, 371 years ago, Hernando DeSoto set sail for the western coast of Florida, finally discovering the Mississippi River, the great Father of Waters. This was a most formidable expedition, consisting of nine vessels and 570 men. Formidable as it was in these days, the entire fleet would be to this one battleship, which these workmen are building, as the dugout canoes of our Florida Indians was to this fleet.

The power and strength of our great nation and the courage and loyalty of our men and women to the flag has been thoroughly established that there is no nation or combination of nations on earth who would dare to invade our borders. There may be some who, if we were unprepared, might be foolhardy enough to try conclusions with us on the waters. On all occasions, even when our navy was so small as to be insignificant in its armament and the number of its ships, the navy has ever upheld the honor and glory of our flag. Such results could not have been accomplished but for the men like yourselves who built our vessels strong and true and but for the officers and but for the men behind the guns. In our infancy, twice have we successfully arbitrated with the foremost naval powers of the world, using the persuasive arguments of shot and shell. In our own titanic struggle among ourselves, we showed the world that there could be no such heroes as they who wore the blue and the gray, and no such heroines as their mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and sweethearts. It was in this war that armored vessels were first used. In our more recent contest with the old Mistress of the Western Hemisphere, we showed how results could be accomplished, as Admiral Dewey wired, without "casualties," and how sailors could be thoughtful as well as brave. It was Captain Cook, of the navy, who at the battle of Santiago said, "Don't cheer, boys, the poor fellows are dying." Brave and noble men are ever generous. It was the same captain to whom a wife was sent, cautioning him to look out for the vessels of a certain firm. He replied: "We are looking out for them." A few such vessels of

the type of the Battleship Florida will ever carry through their portholes the sweet message of sweet, sweet peace.

Her name, "Florida," will ever suggest to her officers and to her men the scent of the roses, of the orange blossoms, of the honey suckle and of the magnolia, and the sunbeams of our beloved State.

On Easter Sunday, 397 years ago, Ponce de Leon landed in Florida in search of the far-famed Fountain of Youth. On that day he christened the land Florida, which at no distant date will be one of the greatest of our great States. Its star in the blue heaven of the flag, the dearest and most beautiful of all flags, will "twinkle, twinkle" so brightly that no one in watching its development and growth and prosperity will ever say, "I wonder what you are." While in search of the Fountain of Youth, Ponce de Leon landed in Florida on Easter Sunday, a day celebrated throughout Christendom as the day on which the Fountain of Eternal Youth was freely offered to whomever would freely partake.

But few people realize that owing to our climatic conditions and healthfulness, we are renewing the life and youth of thousands of men and women who could not live elsewhere, making them valuable and useful members of society.

In our berries, fruits and vegetables, we are making life worth living to many people of the other States. In our millions of pounds of fish annually shipped to all parts of our country, we are regenerating the brain of the nation. Through our phosphate, of which we furnish more than one-half of the nation's output, we are rejuvenating the lands of the nation. Through our pine forests, we are furnishing one-third to one-half of the turpentine with which, as a basis of paint, we are renewing and rejuvenating most of the buildings of the nation. In our cotton seed oil, we are furnishing our part of the delightful olive oil you use; through this oil we are out-Heroding Herod in providing you with the lard of King Hog, and through the meal of our cotton seed we are providing the meat on your plate. In our high-grade, long-staple or sea-island cotton, of which we produce about one-half of that raised in this country, we are furnishing, without their knowing it, a part of the fiber of the silk dresses of the women. We hope that through the fiber of our palmettos and of our moss to furnish the fair women with their crown of glory—commonly called hair, of which you see such an abundance these days. I am scared to say of which you see so much here tonight. Through our plume birds we are furnishing the hues of the rainbow of promise to the hats of our women. In all that contributes to the necessities, the comforts and the luxuries of mankind and of womankind, we are an ever increasing factor.

Owing to the peninsular shape of Florida, the Gulf Stream is formed, sending out its warm currents of Florida warmth to various portions of the world. If it were not for Florida there would be no Gulf Stream. If it were not for Florida there would be no Battleship Florida. There would be a battleship, but it would not be the "Florida." Shakespeare asks, "What's in a

name, a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." That question was asked and answered long before the christening of the Battleship Florida. To Floridians, the Queen Rose of the Navy, the Florida, would not be as sweet by any other name.

We will ever send the Gulf Stream of our warm Florida good wishes to the officers and men who man, and to all those who build, the Battleship Florida. We regret the President's absence. Every man, woman and child in Florida, and the thousands of those who intend moving to Florida, felt a hearty throb at the knowledge that at the christening of the great Battleship Florida, the occasion was to have been honored by the presence of the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, our President, the President of our great nation, Honorable William H. Taft.

Of the three great nations, the British, French and Spanish, who have done much in the discovery and settlement of this continent, Florida is the only land over which the flags of the three have floated. We have inherited the best qualities and the characteristics of them all. The best of every State in the nation, and the best of every nation of the globe is represented in our population. This is a distinctive feature of the people of our great nation. In no other State is this distinctive feature so prominently recognized as it is in Florida. We are therefore more national than any other State.

In conclusion, it is therefore highly appropriate for the State whose products contribute so much pleasure and so much joy and so much comfort to all the people of the nation, and whose population is more national than that of any other State, should have its name borne by one of the greatest battleships of one of the greatest nations of the greatest world in which any of us here ever "lived, moved and had our being."

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Notice of Intention to Apply for Letters Patent.

Notice is hereby given of the intention of the undersigned to apply to the Governor of the State of Florida, after the publication of this notice once a week for four consecutive weeks, for letters patent, incorporating them, their associates and successors, into a body politic and corporate by the name of "Tallahassee and Gulf Railroad Company" for the purposes and under the terms set forth in their proposed charter, a copy of which is given below.

J. H. NORFLEET,
P. D. CAMP,
J. M. CAMP,
P. J. NORFLEET.

May 16, 1910.

Charter for the Tallahassee and Gulf Railroad Company.

We, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, to transact for profit the business or businesses hereinafter set forth, and we do adopt the following as the Charter of the proposed corporation:

Article I.

The name of the corporation shall be "Tallahassee and Gulf Railroad Company." Its principal place of business shall be at Tallahassee, Leon county, Florida, and it shall also have a place of business about seven miles northwest of Tallahassee, in said county, and at such other place or places in said State as it may deem necessary for the transaction of its business and as may be established by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Article II.

The general nature of the business or businesses to be transacted by the company is con-

ducting and managing a line of tram-railroad extending from about seven miles northwest of Tallahassee in a southwesterly direction through Leon and Wakulla counties, in Florida, to the Gulf of Mexico, extending a distance of about 25 miles, and for operating the same for the use of the public in hauling and delivering timber and for the incorporation, from place to place, and for doing and performing all and any such other acts, deeds and things as may be necessary, requisite or serviceable to or for or in the conduct, prosecution, operation and management of such business or businesses, or any part or branch thereof.

Article III.

The amount of the capital stock shall be ten thousand dollars to be divided into one hundred shares of one hundred dollars each, of which at least fifty shares shall and must be fully paid before this company does any business. The balance of the capital stock shall be issued and disposed of as the Board of Directors may determine, either for cash or for real or personal property for the business of the company, at a just valuation, or for both cash and property as the directors may deem best and equitable.

Article IV.

The company shall exist for ninety-nine years, unless sooner dissolved.

Article V.

The business of the company shall be conducted by the following officers: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The President shall be ex-officio General Manager. The Board of Directors shall consist of four members, the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The following persons shall be the officers of the company until those elected at the first election of stockholders shall be qualified:

J. H. Norfleet, Ocklockonee, Fla., President and General Manager.
P. D. Camp, Franklin, Va., Vice-President.
P. M. Camp, Franklin, Va., Secretary.
P. J. Norfleet, Newberry, Fla., Treasurer.

Article VI.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the company can subject itself to at any one time shall be twenty-five thousand dollars.

Article VII.

The Seal of the corporation shall be of such design as the Board of Directors may select.

Article VIII.

The names and residences of the subscribers, with the number of shares subscribed by each of them, are as follows:
J. H. Norfleet, Ocklockonee, Fla., 70 shares.
P. D. Camp, Franklin, Va., 20 shares.
J. M. Camp, Franklin, Va., 5 shares.
P. J. Norfleet, Newberry, Fla., 5 shares.

STATE OF FLORIDA County of Leon

Be it remembered that on this 30th day of April, A. D. 1910, before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared J. H. Norfleet, who is well known to me to be the person who subscribed himself as such to the foregoing articles of incorporation and acknowledged to me that he subscribed to and signed the said articles for the purposes therein expressed, and that the signature thereto, purporting to be his, is his own genuine signature.

Witness my hand and official seal this 30th day of April, A. D. 1910.

(Notary Seal) WM. C. HODGES,
Notary Public State of Florida at large.

My commission expires April 14, 1910.

STATE OF VIRGINIA

County of Isle of Wight

Be it remembered that on this 2d day of May, A. D. 1910, before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared P. D. Camp, well known to me to be the person who subscribed to the foregoing articles of incorporation and acknowledged to me that he subscribed to and signed the said articles for the purposes therein expressed, and that the signature thereto, purporting to be his, is his own genuine signature.

Witness my hand and official seal this 2nd day of May, A. D. 1910.

(Notary Seal) C. W. GARY,
Notary Public.

My commission expires Oct. 31, 1915.

STATE OF FLORIDA County of Alachua

Be it remembered that on this 6th day of May, A. D. 1910, before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared P. J. Norfleet, well known to me to be the person who subscribed himself as such to the foregoing articles of incorporation and acknowledged to me that he subscribed to and signed the said articles for the purposes therein expressed, and that the signature thereto, purporting to be his, is his own genuine signature.

Witness my hand and official seal this 6th day of May, A. D. 1910.

(Notary Seal) W. H. TUCKER,
My commission expires May 8, 1913. 12-41

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MAY DAY CELEBRATION.

Miss Kate Byrd Did the Honors of May Queen.

May Day was appropriately celebrated Friday afternoon last by the children of the city and their elders on the green of Lewis Park, under the auspices of the Tallahassee Improvement Association. The custom of celebrating May Day, which has come down to us from years and years ago, is a very beautiful one and is still perpetuated in Tallahassee, one of the few cities of the country where the custom survives and is renewed each succeeding year.

About 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon the little children of the city met in the front of Mrs. A. L. Randolph's home on East Park Avenue and marched to the green of Lewis Park, where a rostrum had been erected beneath the grand old May Oak, and beneath the boughs of which the ceremonies of crowning the queen took place.

A band had been engaged by the ladies of the Tallahassee Improvement Association, and was stationed on the lawn to provide music for the occasion. May poles were erected through the park, and around these, with their many colored ribbons and streamers, the little people danced, after the ceremonies beneath the May Oak.

Little Miss Kate Byrd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Byrd, was May Queen. She wore a wreath of white sweet peas and lilies, and carried a shower bouquet of sweet peas and lilies. Little Miss Myrtle Gates was her first maid of honor, and wore a wreath of red oleanders and carried red lilies. Little Elizabeth Conradi, also a maid of honor, carried pink flowers and wore a wreath of these. The pillow bearer was little Miss Lewedgton Whitfield. All of these little girls were in white and made a pretty picture. Master Joe Parkhill, a son of Judge and Mrs. C. B. Parkhill, was the Knight of Honor, who crowned the little queen, and his knights were Messrs. Carthel Byars and Hugh Archer Palmer, all wearing white suits. These formed the party of little folks, who later danced around the Queen's Maypole.

The ceremonies attending the crowning of the May Day Queen by the Knight of Honor, Master Joe Parkhill, was particularly pretty, and beautifully rendered.

There were a large number of Tallahassee people present to enjoy this delightful event, which is always anticipated with pleasure in Tallahassee. The children of the two kindergartens of the city participated, as well as other children of Tallahassee, school children and otherwise. The dancing around the Maypole of the little tots in their white dresses and wearing flower wreaths presented a decidedly attractive picture.

Booths had been erected on the large campus at different points, where refreshments, including ice cream, cake and candies, were served by the members of the Improvement Association, who netted a very comfortable sum for the beautifying of the city and the maintenance of the parks.

The celebration of May Day was altogether a success this year and a most delightful event.

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I desire to thank my friends for the loyal support which they gave me throughout the county in the recent primary election. I assure you that I appreciate it, and that I shall do my best as Representative to further each and every interest of Leon county in the coming Legislature.

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